

1 IN THE CLAIMS

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3 1. - 25. (Cancelled)

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5 26. (Currently amended) A method of ~~An apparatus for~~ applying eyeliner to the lashbed of the
6 eyelids, said method ~~apparatus~~ comprising the steps of:

7 applying cosmetic to a tip end of a tuft of bristles of a brush comprising:

8 a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

9 a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

10 a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming a root end and a tip end of said tuft;

11 wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of said tuft; wherein said first

12 end of said ferrule is attached to said attachment end; wherein said root end is

13 attached at said second end of said ferrule; wherein said tuft has a pre-

14 determined cross-section defined by a width and a thickness; and wherein said

15 bristles are aligned such that said bristles in a direction along said width form a

16 generally curved shape, such that said tuft at said tip end is arcuately shaped,

17 and said thickness is substantially uniform along said arcuate shape; ~~and~~

18 ~~wherein said apparatus is used in a method for applying cosmetic to the lashbed of the eyelids,~~
19 ~~said method comprising the steps of:~~

20 ~~applying cosmetic to said tip end of said tuft;~~

21 firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a plurality of locations on said lashbed such that

1 said generally curved shape of said tip end meets the skin of said lashbed; and
2 moving said tip end in a side-to-side motion on each said location such that said cosmetic is
3 applied to said lashbed between, above and/or below individual lashes at said location.
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5 27. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said plurality of
6 bristles have substantially the same lengths.
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8 28. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said width is
9 greater than or equal to twice said thickness.
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11 29. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said
12 predetermined cross-section is semi-elliptical.
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14 30. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said handle is
15 tapered.
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17 31. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said handle is
18 constructed from a metal.
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20 32. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 31, wherein said metal is
21 selected from the group consisting of aluminum, steel, tin, and an alloy of tin.

1 33. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said handle is
2 constructed from wood.

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4 34. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said handle is
5 constructed from plastic.

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7 35. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said handle is
8 constructed from bamboo.

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10 36. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is
11 constructed from a metal.

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13 37. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 36, wherein said metal is
14 selected from the group consisting of tin, steel, aluminum and an alloy of tin.

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16 38. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is
17 constructed from plastic.

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19 39. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 26, wherein said bristles
20 comprise fibrous strands.

1 40. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous
2 strands comprise synthetic nylon.

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4 41. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous
5 strands comprise hair.

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7 42. **(Currently amended)** A method ~~An apparatus~~ according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous
8 strands comprise hair and synthetic nylon.